

# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Report \_\_\_\_\_

# HOUSE FINAL STATUS

3/06 HEARING  
 3/09 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL CONCURRED AS AMENDED  
 3/10 2ND READING CONCURRED 48 0  
 3/13 3RD READING CONCURRED 42 0  
  
 RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS  
 3/15 2ND READING AMENDMENTS CONCURRED 77 2  
 3/16 3RD READING AMENDMENTS CONCURRED 93 2  
  
 3/21 SIGNED BY SPEAKER  
 3/21 SIGNED BY PRESIDENT  
 3/22 TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR  
 3/27 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR  
 CHAPTER NUMBER 319 EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89

HB 70 INTRODUCED BY DRISCOLL, ET AL.  
 REVISE REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON

1/04 INTRODUCED  
 1/05 REFERRED TO JUDICIARY  
 1/06 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED  
 1/12 HEARING  
 1/13 FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED  
 1/13 FISCAL NOTE PRINTED  
 2/09 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED AS AMENDED  
 2/20 2ND READING PASSED AS AMENDED 61 37  
 2/21 3RD READING FAILED 37 60

HB 71 INTRODUCED BY WHALEN  
 REMOVE LANGUAGE PROHIBITING SOLICITING VOTER  
 INFORMATION WITHIN 200 FT OF VOTING POLLS  
 BY REQUEST OF COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

1/04 INTRODUCED  
 1/05 REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION  
 1/10 HEARING  
 1/10 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED  
 1/12 2ND READING PASSED 76 21  
 1/14 3RD READING PASSED 74 22  
  
 TRANSMITTED TO SENATE  
 1/16 REFERRED TO JUDICIARY  
 3/08 HEARING  
 3/08 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL CONCURRED  
 3/09 2ND READING CONCURRED 49 0  
 3/11 3RD READING CONCURRED 43 0

RETURNED TO HOUSE  
 3/17 SIGNED BY SPEAKER  
 3/17 SIGNED BY PRESIDENT  
 3/18 TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR  
 3/22 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR  
 CHAPTER NUMBER 216 EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89

HB 72 INTRODUCED BY BRADLEY, ET AL.  
 MANDATE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS OF THE GENERAL  
 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
 BY REQUEST OF JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON WELFARE

1/05 INTRODUCED

1                    HOUSE BILL NO. 71  
2    INTRODUCED BY Whalen  
3            BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES  
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5    A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REMOVE FROM THE  
6    ELECTIONEERING STATUTE THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE THAT  
7    PROHIBITS SOLICITATION OF VOTING INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTOR  
8    WITHIN 200 FEET OF A POLLING PLACE OR ELECTION BUILDING; AND  
9    AMENDING SECTION 13-35-211, MCA."  
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11    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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17    which aids or promotes the success or defeat of any  
18    candidate or ballot issue to be voted upon at the election.  
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23    voted upon at the election.  
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25    in which an election is being held ~~or within 200 feet~~

1    thereof may solicit from an elector, before or after he has  
2    marked his ballot and returned it to an election judge,  
3    information as to whether the elector intends to vote or has  
4    voted for or against a candidate or ballot issue."

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STATUS SHEET

51st LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Administration

COMMITTEE

| BILL<br>NUMBER | ENTERED<br>COM.<br>DATE | DATE<br>CON-<br>SIDERED     | OUT OF<br>COM. | DO PASS<br>DATE | DO NOT<br>PASS<br>DATE | DO<br>PASS AS<br>AMENDED<br>DATE | DO NOT<br>PASS AS<br>AMENDED<br>DATE | BE CON-<br>CURRED<br>IN<br>DATE | BE<br>NOT CON-<br>CURRED<br>IN<br>DATE | BE CON-<br>CURRED IN<br>AMENDED<br>DATE | BE NOT<br>CONCURRED<br>IN AS<br>AMENDED<br>DATE |
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| HB 2           | 1-2-89                  | 1-6-89                      | 1-6-89         | 1-6-89          |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 5           | 1-2-89                  | 1-09-89                     | 1-09-89        | 1-09-89         |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 11          | 1-2-89                  | 1-5-89                      | 1-6-89         | 1-6-89          |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 26          | 1-2-89                  | 1-11-89                     | 1-31-89        |                 |                        | 1-31-89                          |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 36          | 1-2-89                  | 1-13-89                     | 1-13-89        | 1-13-89         |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 43          | 1-2-89                  | 1-09-89                     | 1-09-89        | 1-09-89         |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 54          | 1-2-89                  | 1-6-89                      | 1-6-89         |                 |                        | 1-6-89                           |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 60          | 1-4-89                  | moved to Taxation Committee |                |                 |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 62          | 1-4-89                  | 1-11-89                     | 1-13-89        | 1-13-89         |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 68          | 1-5-89                  | Removed to Local Government |                |                 |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 71          | 1-5-89                  | 1-10-89                     | 1-10-89        | 1-10-89         |                        |                                  |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
| HB 74          | 1-6-89                  | 1-19-89                     | 1-19-89        |                 |                        | 1-19-89                          |                                      |                                 |                                        |                                         |                                                 |
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MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jan Brown, on January 10, 1989,  
at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Judy Burggraff, Secretary; Lois Menzies,  
Staff Researcher

Announcements/Discussion: None

HEARING ON HJR 4

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Larry Grinde, House District 30, stated that often resolutions weren't necessary to state government and that he learned in his first year of serving at the Legislature that these bill were called "Puff Balls." Some times these seem funny, but to the people back home these are a very, very serious matter. He said that in 1982 the people involved in the softball programs in Lewistown were faced with inadequate facilities. They decided to make a plan, and during the process they found out that the state softball association wanted to start a softball hall of fame. The town applied for the site of the Hall of Fame and were granted this in 1983. Funds were raised through various grants and contributions from the community with matching funds from city and county.

All the work on the project was donated with no expenses for labor. Six years later in the summer of 1988, we had the Softball Hall of Fame dedication and they had ten new inductees into the Hall of Fame.

There are now four fields with a new building for the Hall of Fame. This has had a large impact on the economy of Lewistown. They will be holding in 1989 regional and state tournaments. In addition, they have

gone into the Little League area and will hold regional and state tournaments there. He requested the committee do give this a do pass recommendation.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:  
None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:  
None

Testimony:  
None

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. O'CONNELL said she was all for bill. She wanted to know if this was donated or set up by the state.

REP. GRINDE replied that it was not set up by the state, but that it was set up by the Montana Softball Association, who then presented it so any community could apply for the Softball Hall of Fame. There was a committee throughout the state that went through the applications and Lewistown was chosen.

REP. DEBRUYCKER wanted to know if there would be any chance in the future on that Lewistown would be asking for some help with state money. REP. GRINDE replied that no there would be no need for state funds. He said the complex is completed and there is one full-time employee and that the money is all coming from the county and city. He said that they expect the profits that will be coming in to take care of all future expenses.

Closing by Sponsor: Requested passage of the "Puff Ball Bill."

#### DISPOSITION OF HJR

Motion: Rep. Campbell moved HJR 4 DO PASS, seconded by Rep. DeBruycker.

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: The motion CARRIED unanimously.

#### HEARING ON HB 71

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Whalen, stated that by request of the Commissioner of Political

Practices he was sponsoring HB 71 and that the title of the bill explains what they are attempting to do. He said that several years ago a newspaper association challenged the section 13-35-211, MCA, which prohibited the media from talking to people about how they voted when they came out of the election polling places. Since this section prevented them from being within 200 feet of the polling places, they challenged that statute in federal district court and it was ruled that the portion of the statute restricting them to within 200 feet of the polling place is unconstitutional. He said that what HB 71 does is strike the language that the court said was unconstitutional. He said that Commissioner of Political Practices, Delores Colberg, would answer any questions the committee might have concerning the bill. He urged that the bill be passed.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:  
None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:  
None

Testimony:  
None

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. NELSON asked what court declared the act unconstitutional. REP. WHALEN responded that it was a federal district court in Montana. DELORES COLBERG said it was in U.S. Judge Charles Lovell's court in Helena and that the decision came down on November 3, 1988. She said that the decision is very clear, indicating that the court finds only the portion of section 13-35-211 (3) unconstitutional to the extent that it prohibits the conducting of exit polls within 200 feet of Montana polling places. Also she stated that the Montana court order says that the rest of the statute stands. REP. ROTH asked if the decision had been challenged or appealed. She responded "no," that it was a joint decision of her office and the attorney general's office not to appeal this to a federal appellate court because of similar language in other states. REP. O'CONNELL wanted clarification on just what portion was being struck from the bill.

DELORES COLBERG clarified the bill by saying that the language providing that poll takers could not be inside the building would be left; but they could walk up to and be adjacent to the polling place or building itself.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Whalen had no closing.

DISPOSITION OF HB 71

Motion: Rep. O'Connell moved HB 71 DO PASS, Rep. Cocchiarella seconded.

Discussion: REP. DAVIS asked if there was any alternative if they defeated this bill. REP. WHALEN said he did not like the bill from the standpoint that it allows news people to harass voters when they come out the door. But he said that in the interest of having Montana's statutory law conforming to the federal constitution, we need to do this. REP. CAMPBELL wanted to know if it could be amended from 200 feet to 100 feet and have the court rule on it again. DELORES COLBERG said that if the bill was amended to another number of feet it probably would still be unconstitutional. She said they did ask Justice Lovell about a 25 foot zone and he wouldn't allow that either. She stated that there is a statute in title 13 stating that no one may interfere with any citizens or impair or harass or bother them. If the television or print media crowded around the doors of a polling place to such an extent that they were an impairment to people coming in and being able to vote, then the election officials could tell those people to back off.

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: The motion CARRIED 15 -3, with Reps. Campbell, Nelson and O'Connell voting against it.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:20 a.m.

  
JAN BROWN, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

51th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

Date 1-10-89

| NAME                           | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Rep. Jan Brown, Chairman       | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Helen O'Connell, Vice Ch. | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella        | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Ervin Davis               | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Floyd "Bob" Gervais       | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Janet Moore               | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Angela Russell            | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Carolyn Squires           | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Vernon Westlake           | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Timothy Whalen            | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Bud Campbell              | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Duane Compton             | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Roger DeBruycker          | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Harriet Hayne             | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Richard Nelson            | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. John Phillips             | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Rande Roth                | ✓       |        |         |
| Rep. Wilbur Spring, Jr.        | ✓       |        |         |
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VISITORS' REGISTER  
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

BILL NO. HB 71

DATE January 10, 1989

SPONSOR Rep. Whalen

| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE                                | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Tim BERGSTROM       | 726 AVE. F BILLINGS, MT                  | ✓       |        |
| Dolores Colburg     | Capital Station, Helena <sup>59620</sup> | ✓       |        |
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 10, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on State Administration report  
that House Bill 71 (first reading copy -- white) do pass.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Brown  
Jan Brown, Chairman

BILL STATUS SYSTEM  
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STATE OF MONTANA  
MONTANA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL STATUS SYSTEM  
CURRENT STATUS OF ALL BILLS EVER REFERRED TO (S) JUDICIARY

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TIME: 12:33  
DATE: 05/02/89

CHAIRMAN--BRUCE CRIPPEN  
SECRETARY--ROSEMARY JACOBV  
NORMAL SCHEDULE==> SITE: ROOM 325

COMMITTEE--(S) JUDICIARY  
DAYS: M,T,W,T,F TIME: 10:00 A.M.

OFFICE--ROOM 412

| REFER  |                                                               | NOTE: BILL WILL BE LISTED TWICE IF REREFERRED BACK TO THE SAME COMMITTEE                                       |
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| BILL   | DATE === LATEST DATE/ACTION ON BILL                           | =====                                                                                                          |
|        | SPONSOR: EUDAILY, RALPH                                       | TITLE-CODE COMMISSIONER BILL                                                                                   |
| HB 13  | 01/25 03/13--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: QUILICI, JOE      | EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/13/89<br>TITLE-GENERALLY AMEND AND FINE TUNE THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT             |
| HB 27  | 01/21 03/13--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: CODY, DOROTHY     | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-SEXUAL CRIME RESULTING IN CHILD'S DEATH AND AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE         |
| HB 38  | 01/13 03/06--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: EUDAILY, RALPH    | EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/06/89<br>TITLE-UNIVERSITY OPTIONAL RETIREMENT BANKRUPTCY EXEMPTION                          |
| HB 57  | 02/28 04/24--(H) DIED IN PROCESS<br>SPONSOR: MARKS, BOB       | TITLE-IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY CARE                                                                    |
| HB 57  | 03/16 04/24--(H) DIED IN PROCESS<br>SPONSOR: MARKS, BOB       | TITLE-IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY CARE                                                                    |
| HB 59  | 01/21 02/15--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: SPAETH, GARY      | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-FINGERPRINTING OF, AND CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS OF, STATE BAR APPLICANTS       |
| HB 71  | 01/16 03/22--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: WHALEN, TIM       | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-REMOVE LANGUAGE PROHIBITING SOLICITING VOTER INFORMATION WITHIN 200 FT       |
| HB 80  | 01/14 03/15--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: STRIZICH, BILL    | EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/15/89<br>TITLE-DISCLOSE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS TO CERTAIN PROBATION OFFICERS       |
| HB 87  | R 01/26 04/08--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: KILPATRICK, TOM | EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/08/89<br>TITLE-CHANGE DEFINITIONS IN CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAW               |
| HB 91  | R 01/21 02/24--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: ROTH, RANDE     | EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/89<br>TITLE-INCREASE FEES FOR BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES AND FOR COPIES OF RECORDS     |
| HB 97  | 02/02 03/21--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: KILPATRICK, TOM   | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-GRANT CITY COURT PWR TO ISSUE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE |
| HB 107 | 01/25 02/23--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: SPAETH, GARY      | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-RAISE JUSTICE'S COURT FILING FEE                                             |
| HB 113 | 01/23 04/01--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: REHBERG, DENNIS   | EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/01/89<br>TITLE-CLARIFY RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS OF YOUTH PLACEMENT FACILITIES                 |
| HB 115 | 01/23 02/15--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: MCDONOUGH, MARY   | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-ADOPTION FEES AND REPORTS; FINE FOR UNREASONABLE FEES                        |
| HB 116 | 01/25 03/21--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: MCDONOUGH, MARY   | EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/21/89<br>TITLE-AMEND ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION ACT TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS |
| HB 122 | 02/02 04/12--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: SPAETH, GARY      | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-ACTUAL NOTICE TO CERTAIN CREDITORS OF AN ESTATE                              |
| HB 123 | 01/31 03/11--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: SPAETH, GARY      | EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/89<br>TITLE-ADOPT UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS' ACT                          |
| HB 127 | 01/31 03/21--(H) CHAPTER NUMBER<br>SPONSOR: STICKNEY, JESSICA | EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/21/89<br>TITLE-REDUCE MAXIMUM AGE FOR COMMITMENT UNDER YOUTH COURT ACT FROM 21 TO 19        |

HOUSE BILL NO. 71

INTRODUCED BY WHALEN

BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REMOVE FROM THE  
ELECTIONEERING STATUTE THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE THAT  
PROHIBITS SOLICITATION OF VOTING INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTOR  
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AMENDING SECTION 13-35-211, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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from electors. (1) No person may do any electioneering on  
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candidate or ballot issue to be voted upon at the election.

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in which an election is being held ~~or within 200 feet~~

thereof may solicit from an elector, before or after he has  
marked his ballot and returned it to an election judge,  
information as to whether the elector intends to vote or has  
voted for or against a candidate or ballot issue."

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## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Bruce Crippen, on March 8, 1989,  
at 10:00 a.m. in Room 325.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Bruce Crippen, V. Chairman Al  
Bishop, Senators Tom Beck, Bob Brown, John Harp, Mike  
Halligan, Loren Jenkins, R. J. Pinsoneault and Bill  
Yellowtail

Members Excused: Senator Joe Mazurek

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Staff Attorney Valencia Lane and Committee  
Secretary Rosemary Jacoby

Announcements/Discussion: None

#### HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 312

##### Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Mary Ellen Connelly of Kalispell, District 8, opened the hearing. She said the request for the bill came out of a group meeting with district judges and justices of the peace as a result of a supreme court case (Andre) on de facto custody. The bill lays out the criteria that must be met before a court can modify a prior custody decree, she said. It provides that, if the custody circumstances have changed and that the child's living arrangements are dangerous physically or mentally, the custody arrangements can be changed. If there is a divorce and the child had been living with a parent before the divorce decree, the bill asks that the court consider that in declaring custody. The bill also clarifies "prior custody" she said in the best interest of the child.

##### List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

None

Valencia said the second amendment amends the amount that you can exclude under the exemption, and the purpose of the amendment would be to prevent an individual from overfunding his account right before he files a bankruptcy petition. It would limit the amount he can exempt. Senator Crippen said that would apply to "prior to a year."

Amendments and Votes: Senator Jenkins MOVED the Crippen suggestion -- that the following language be substituted for the #1 amendment: "interest in or rights to receive benefits from". The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Crippen MOVED that Amendment #2 be adopted. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendation and Vote: Senator Beck MOVED that House Bill 248 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 71

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Tim Whalen of Billings, District 93, opened the hearing. He said the bill was a housekeeping bill to delete some of the language in Section 13-35-211 as a result of a federal court decision in which the news media challenged the statute that prohibits news media from soliciting people within 200 feet of a voting place regarding how they voted. As a result of that ruling, the election commissioner, Delores Colburg, asked him to carry the bill, he stated.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: Senator Beck asked what would happen if the bill didn't pass. Rep. Whalen said

he felt it would be challenged again. He said there was a difference between statute and the decision.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Whalen closed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 71

Discussion: Senator Jenkins said that the District Court found this to be unconstitutional, but it was left on the books. He said if another state accepted it, then it would go the full circuit and would ultimately go back on the state's books. Senator Halligan disagreed, we would invite litigation if the bill was not passed.

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: Senator Halligan MOVED that House Bill 71 BE CONCURRED IN. The MOTION CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 3 with Senators Jenkins, Beck and Crippen voting NO.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 147

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Tim Whalen of Billings, District 93, opened the hearing. He said that Greg Petesch had asked him to sponsor the bill. It came out of a dispute that arose over who was to be appointed to be executor of an estate where a minor is an heir and the parents were divorced. There was no will, he said. The bill named the custodial parent as a personal representative for the minor child, he said.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Whalen closed.

ROLL CALL

JUDICIARY

COMMITTEE

51st LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

Date 3-8-89

| NAME                | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| SENATOR CRIPPEN     | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR BECK        | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR BISHOP      | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR BROWN       | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR HALLIGAN    | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR HARP        | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR JENKINS     | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR MAZUREK     |         | -      | ✓       |
| SENATOR PINSONEAULT | ✓       |        |         |
| SENATOR YELLOWTAIL  |         |        |         |
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Each day attach to minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE JUDICIARY

Date 3-8-89 House Bill No. 71 Time       

| NAME             | YES | NO |
|------------------|-----|----|
| SEN. BISHOP      | ✓   |    |
| SEN. BECK        |     | ✓  |
| SEN. BROWN       |     |    |
| SEN. HALLIGAN    | ✓   |    |
| SEN. HARP        | ✓   |    |
| SEN. JENKINS     |     | ✓  |
| SEN. MAZUREK     |     |    |
| SEN. PINSONEAULT | ✓   |    |
| SEN. YELLOWTAIL  |     |    |
| SEN. CRIPPEN     |     | ✓  |
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Rosemary Jacoby  
Secretary

Sen. Bruce Crippen  
Chairman

Motion: Be Concurred In  
Carried 4 to 3

Judiciary

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 1 March 8, 1989

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

Bill  
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**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

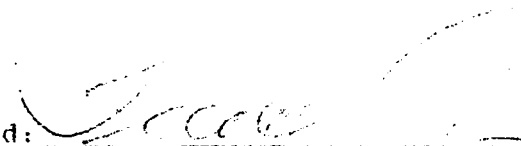
March 8, 1989

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on Judiciary, having had under consideration HB 71 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 71 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Whalen (Bishop)

**BE CONCURRED IN**

Signed: 

Bruce D. Crippen, Chairman

4/10/89  
3/18/89  
1:44 p.m.